

OVERALL GOAL

Maintain and enhance the neighborhood parks, community centers, and cultural events that promote healthy lifestyles and highlight the historic character of the Dignowity Hill neighborhood

Goal I: Establish attractive community facilities and increase usage by neighborhood residents and visitors

Objective I.1: Encourage more usage of parks

Action Steps:

- I.1.1. Organize Friends of the Dignowity Hill Parks group that will:
 - Dignowity Hill Neighborhood Association and/or the Plan Action Team to take the lead in organizing the group
 - Assist in neighborhood park maintenance
 - Advocate for parks improvements
 - Host fundraising events the benefit the parks
- I.1.2. Promote the use of parkland for festivals and community activities such as:
 - Walking/running/bicycling groups;
 - Community fairs;
 - Fiesta events;
 - Barbeque cook-off challenge;
 - Blues festival in Dignowity Park;
 - Christmas Tree in the park;
 - Hold a kite flying festival; etc.
- I.1.3. Publicize the activities held at community centers and park facilities
- I.1.4. Outreach to different organizations in order to promote the use of the centers and facilities
- I.1.5. Provide more activities for the community to utilize Fairchild Park and Pool
- I.1.6. Start an outdoor movie-night at Lockwood and Dignowity Parks
- I.1.7. Re-route the San Antonio Rock and Roll Marathon and or the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure to include the use of Dignowity Park and or the Hays Street Bridge
- I.1.8. Install a historic marker or information kiosk for the Historic Cemeteries at Paso Hondo and Monumental
- I.1.9. Resurface the tennis courts and improve lighting at Fairchild Park



Fairchild swimming pool (top) and tennis courts (bottom).

Timeline: Immediate and Ongoing

Lead Partner: Plan Action Team

Proposed Partnerships: COSA Parks and Recreation, San Antonio Parks Foundation

Proposed Funding Sources: Minimal/Volunteer

Objective 1.2: Expand safety measures and parking at community centers in order to ensure the centers are utilized by neighborhood residents and visitors

Action Steps:

- 1.2.1. Provide additional lighting around public buildings and parking lots
- 1.2.2. Advocate for the construction of a parking facility for the Carver Community Cultural Center

Timeline: Immediate and Ongoing

Lead Partner: Plan Action Team

Proposed Partnerships: COSA Community Initiative Department, COSA Capital Improvements Management Services, COSA Parks and Recreation Department, Carver Development Board

Proposed Funding Sources: Minimal/Volunteer

Objective 1.3: Add more landscaping to existing parks



Open space at Lockwood Park.

Action Steps:

- 1.3.1. Survey each park to determine the areas needing additional landscaping
- 1.3.2. Collaborate with COSA Parks and Recreation Department to plant additional landscaping
- 1.3.3. Utilize native plants for landscaping
- 1.3.4. Develop a community garden by working with the Dignowity Hill Neighborhood Association, Green Spaces Alliance and COSA Parks and Recreation Department

Timeline: Immediate and Ongoing

Lead Partner: Plan Action Team

Proposed Partnerships: Dignowity Hill Neighborhood Association, COSA Parks and Recreation, San Antonio Parks Foundation, COSA Office of Environmental Policy, Green Spaces Alliance

Proposed Funding Sources: Minimal/Volunteer

Objective 1.4: Enhance current park facilities

Action Steps:

- I.4.1. Increase lighting at each park
- I.4.2. Install water fountains, trash cans, and restrooms
- I.4.3. Repair basketball hoops at basketball courts
- I.4.4. Establish a park under the Hays Street Bridge at Cherry Street
- I.4.5. Build a community center at Lockwood Park
- I.4.6. Build a skate park at Fairchild or Healy Murphy Park
- I.4.7. Close Burnet Street between Lockwood Park and Dignowity Park to create one large central park



Burnet Street between Lockwood and Dignowity Parks.

- I.4.8. Install covered picnic tables and barbeque pits in Fairchild and Lockwood Parks
- I.4.9. Construct a gazebo or pavilion in Dignowity Park
 - Apply for the a grant from the R.A. Bloch Foundation to construct a cancer survivors pavilion
- I.4.10. Create a plan with community input to redevelop Healy-Murphy Park

Timeline: Immediate and Ongoing

Lead Partner: Plan Action Team

Proposed Partnerships: COSA Parks and Recreation, San Antonio Parks Foundation, COSA Capital Improvements Management Services

Proposed Funding Sources: General fund, Grants, Bond funds

Objective 1.5: Provide walking paths in Lockwood and Dignowity Parks

Action Steps:

- I.5.1. Survey parks to determine the best placement for walking paths
- I.5.2. Provide landscaping along walking paths

Timeline: Short to Long

Lead Partner: Plan Action Team

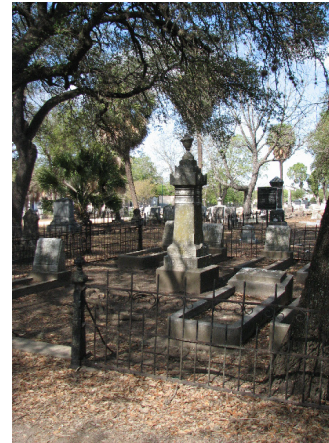
Proposed Partnerships: COSA Parks and Recreation, San Antonio Parks

Goal 2: Enhance the historic character of the neighborhood

Objective 2.1: Encourage the visitation of historic sites

Action Steps:

- 2.1.1. Collaborate with the Office of Cultural Affairs and the Office of Historic Preservation to develop a Dignowity Hill tour guide
- 2.1.2. Establish a historic cemeteries tour
 - Create a historic cemeteries map that locates points of interest
- 2.1.3. Implement the Eastside Cemeteries Plan
- 2.1.4. Provide way-finding signs for the following:
 - St. Paul Square
 - Ellis Alley
 - Dignowity Historic District
 - Hays Street Bridge
 - Old Spanish Trail



Historic cemeteries in
Dignowity Hill

Timeline: Immediate

Lead Partner: Plan Action Team

Proposed Partnerships: COSA Office of Cultural Affairs, COSA Office of Historic Preservation

Proposed Funding Sources: Minimal/Volunteer

Goal 3: Promote health and wellness and provide opportunities to educate residents about healthy living

Objective 3.1: Provide educational information at neighborhood association and community meetings

Action Steps

- 3.1.1. Encourage community organizations to host health and wellness informational booths or health screenings at neighborhood/community events such as National Night Out
- 3.1.2. Include wellness facts or an essay within each neighborhood association newsletter
- 3.1.3. Organize an annual community-wide physical fitness educational event and include a 5K run/walk
- 3.1.4. Request that the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure and the YMCA Walk for the Cure be rerouted to pass by the Dignowity Park and/or the Hays Street Bridge
- 3.1.4. Organize sporting events and teams for youths, adults, and seniors in the neighborhood to compete against other teams in the area

Timeline: Short and Ongoing

Lead Partner: Plan Action Team

*Proposed Partnerships: Dignowity Hill Neighborhood Association, SAISD,
Carver Academy, Carver Community Cultural Center, Metro
Health, Susan G. Koman Race for the Cure, YMCA*

Proposed Funding Sources: Minimal/Volunteer

Objective 3.2: Focus on youth programs to create a culture of wellness

Action Steps

- 3.2.1. Create a youth center aimed at promoting physical activity and addressing concerns of the youth in the neighborhood
- 3.2.2. Establish a youth mentorship program to provide positive role models for neighborhood youth
- 3.2.3. Ensure that area schools are implementing policies and curriculum that promote public health

Timeline: Short and Ongoing

Lead Partner: Plan Action Team

*Proposed Partnerships: Dignowity Hill Neighborhood Association, SAISD,
Carver Academy, Carver Community Cultural Center, Metro
Health, PTAs, churches, businesses, community organizations*

Proposed Funding Sources: Minimal/Volunteer